
Motor Sports

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Crow gets chance to work with idol

For most people, 22 years is much too long to wait. Twenty-two minutes usually will suffice.

But in the case of rookie Sportsman driver Rick Crow of Canyon Country, the timing has been just right.

It's been 22 years since Crow was introduced to Saugus Speedway — the night he and his father first spent a Saturday night in the stands at the $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile oval.

It was during the same stretch that the 1980 Saugus High graduate developed an adoration for one driver in particular — Canyon Country resident Jimmy Insolo.

"I used to go out to the races with my dad and I'd always watch him race," said Crow of Insolo, who captured the Sportsman points title in 1968. "He wouldn't take people out. He'd pass people cleanly. My dad used to always say, 'See, that's the way to race.' So that was the guy I'd always watch. I always rooted for him."

Now, following a strange set of circumstances, Crow has received a golden opportunity to work with his childhood idol as part of Saturday's '59 to '89 Reunion Race at Saugus Speedway.

"The best part of it will be seeing all the guys like (Oren) Prosser, (Bill) Foster and (Ron) Horn-